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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Amendments to S. 920, a Bill to Amend the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended.

1. Mr. Roy Coffin, of the Bureau of the Budget, who is handling the coordination of Agency views on S. 920, called this morning to advise me that on the basis of recommendations received from the various agencies the language of the proposed amendment regarding the security and procedural aspects of the bill had been changed to read as follows:

Provided, that when an application for authorization is received by the Commission it shall notify the appropriate agencies of the Government of such fact, and such agencies shall forthwith furnish to the Commission such information in their possession as bears upon the compatibility of the request with the national security.

And provided further, that the requested authorization may then be granted unless the Commission shall determine that information received from such agencies necessitates denial of the request.

2. Mr. Coffin also advised that the Federal Communication Commission's letter to the Commerce Committee on this bill was being changed to include a final sentence which would read as follows:

The Commission, in acting on such a request will, of course, respect the confidential nature and sources of specific security information coming to its attention.

3. I thanked Mr. Coffin for advising us of these changes.

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